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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 6,529,579
- AB United States Patent No. 6,128,367
- AC United States Patent No. 6,055,294
- AD United States Patent No. 5,909,479
- AE United States Patent No. 5,689,542
- AL European Patent Application 0 009 946

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA discloses a cooling system that is disposed around the neck region of a rotating anode x-ray tube, wherein the cathode is contained in a portion of the housing connected by the neck region to the portion of the housing which the anode is disposed. A conduit in which coolant can flow is thereby formed around a beam deflection element.

References AB and AC disclose rotating anode structures similar to that of Reference AD, which was identified and discussed in the present specification at page 2. Each of those structures has a housing with a housing portion containing the rotating anode and a housing portion containing the cathode, the housing portions being connected by a narrow neck region, with a beam deflector disposed at the neck region.

Reference AE discloses an x-ray generating apparatus having a pair of chambers for circulating a coolant fluid placed between an anode target and the electron source at an exterior of the housing as shown in Figures 3A, 3B and 5.

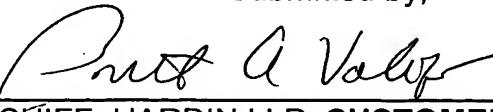
Reference AL discloses an x-ray tube having a housing, as shown in Figure 4, wherein two blind holes are drilled so as to form a V-shaped conduit for coolant. The electron beam passes through an opening 13 disposed within the V-shaped conduit.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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	AB	6,128,367	10/03/00	Foerst et al.			
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